

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

SELECT COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH MANAGED CARE

Call to Order: By **REP. LOREN SOFT**, on March 23, 1999 at 3:30 P.M., in Room 420 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: REP. LOREN SOFT
REP. JOHN COBB
REP. BEVERLY BARNHART
REP. STANLEY FISHER
REP. BILL EGGERS
REP. TRUDI SCHMIDT

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Cassandra Drynan, Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:
Hearing on Mental Health Managed Care

REP. SOFT discussed problems and progress with the Managed Care system.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.2 - 1.3}

EXHIBIT(frh65sb0534a01), SB 534, was distributed.

REP. SOFT spoke about a subcommittee meeting on this bill.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 1.3 - 3.5}

Discussion: Concerning the purpose of this select committee on mental health managed care and whether or not they had any authority.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 3.5 - 8.6}

REP. BARNHART stated that she wanted a committee made up of representatives and senators to oversee mental health managed care after the legislature adjourned. Discussion followed.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 8.6 - 20.5}

REP. SOFT spoke about a lack of trust between the Department of Public Health and Human Services and Health Care Providers. Discussion followed.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 20.5 - 24}

Discussion: Concerning the future of this committee. It was suggested that the committee wait a week or two and see how things work out in the other committees dealing with this subject, in the meantime it was important to keep one another informed.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 24 - 31.2}

Discussion: Concerning the Governor's role in the managed care situation, a possible battle between the House and Senate over managed care, money being paid for managed care and this committee's authority.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 31.2 - 1:B:8}

Two meetings on managed care were announced: Wednesday and Friday.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:25 P.M.

REP. LOREN SOFT, Chairman

CASSANDRA DRYNAN, Secretary

EXHIBIT (frh65sb0534aad)